

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 6, 2004

**FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2004-2005 UPDATE TO THE COUNTY'S 2000-2005
CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2004-2005 ACTION PLAN FOR THE HOME,
ESG, AND CDBG PROGRAMS**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2004-2005 update to the County's 2000-2005 five-year Consolidated Plan and 2004-2005 Action Plan for the County's application to HUD for \$15,048,207 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs, including the list of recommended projects that best meet the identified community development needs under the three grants; and,
- 2) Receive public testimony on the proposed update to the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2004-2005 Action Plan; and,
- 3) Close the public testimony portion of the hearing and continue the hearing for one week until April 13, 2004, to consider any necessary changes to the proposed update to the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2004-2005 Action Plan prior to the Board of Supervisors approval action and further submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1995, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) combined the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit to HUD a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using the three grant funds over a five-year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. Prior to submitting the Consolidated Plan to HUD, the responsible federal agency, the County, must prepare a proposed Consolidated Plan and make it available to the public for review and comment.

On April 18, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's current five-year Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05. The Consolidated Plan identifies the County's goals of developing viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons. It also incorporates a Housing Market Analysis, Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment, a Five-Year Strategic Plan, a One-Year Action Plan, Federal Grant Application forms, and Grant Certifications.

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The proposed 2004-2005 Action Plan is contained in the updated Consolidated Plan as the fifth-year increment of the five-year Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan lists projects and programs proposed for funding under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants from HUD for fiscal year 2004-2005. Additionally, the Consolidated Plan includes the County's Citizen Participation Plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 24, 2004.

Thirteen (13) cities plus County unincorporated areas are included in the CDBG portion of the Consolidated Plan. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. The City of Redlands participates in the County's program as a joint recipient. The County's HOME Program Consortium covers these cities and unincorporated areas, and includes the cities of Chino Hills, Rancho Cucamonga, and Rialto.

This Public Hearing was scheduled by the Board of Supervisors on March 9, 2004. A Notice of Hearing was published in twenty-three (23) newspapers throughout the County. The Notice provided a thirty-day public comment period beginning on March 22, 2004 and ending on April 20, 2004. Prior to this public hearing, a draft copy of the proposed plan has been made available for public review at the County's Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD). Copies of the year 2004-2005 Action Plan will be provided at the Public Hearing for citizen review. This hearing on the proposed Consolidated Plan is the second of two required public hearings. The first hearing was held on February 24, 2004, when ECD presented an updated Housing, Economic and Community Development Needs Identification Report to the Board of Supervisors.

The recommendation to continue the hearing for one week will permit consideration of any changes that are needed as a result of the public comments and testimony. At the April 13, 2004 hearing, the Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the proposed update to the Consolidated Plan and the new Action Plan, and direct ECD to submit a final version of the Plan to HUD, following the completion of the public review period. A summary of the new Action Plan will be published in newspapers within two (2) weeks after its approval by the Board of Supervisors. The final revised 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2004-2005 Action Plan should be available for submittal to HUD during the week after the conclusion of the required thirty-day comment period on May 30, 2004. The grant funding to implement approved projects will become available to the County after July 1, 2004, when the required grant agreements are signed and HUD releases the funds.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III (909-387-5346) on March 26, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The HOME, ESG, and CDBG Programs do not affect the County's General fund. The County's 2004-2005 Consolidated Grants allocation will be \$15,048,207 (\$9,584,000 for CDBG, \$5,132,797 for HOME (including \$439,778 for the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, as part of the HOME Program), and \$331,410 for ESG).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.

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